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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A tabletop-type air cleaner comprising:
 - a front opening portion to suck air containing ~~smoke of a cigarette~~, said front opening portion being placed at a front of the air cleaner;
 - a blower to forcedly feed said air having been sucked from said front opening portion in a centrifugal direction;
 - a pair of right and left peripheral opening portions to emit air fed forcedly from said blower ahead of the air cleaner, said pair of peripheral opening portions being placed in a fringe portion on the right and the left at said front of the air cleaner; and
 - ~~a porous or fibrous~~ dust collecting filter being placed at least one of between said front opening portion and said blower and[[/or]] between said blower and each of the peripheral opening portions making up said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions to remove the ~~smoke of the cigarette~~ smoke,

wherein said front opening portion is located between said right and left peripheral opening portions.
2. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising a deodorizing filters each filter being placed at least one of~~ between said front opening portion and said blower and[[/or]] between said blower and each of said peripheral opening portions making up said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions ~~are/is mounted.~~

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3. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein said blower [[is]] comprises a centrifugal-type blower having a blade wheel in which comprising a plurality of blades [[is]] arranged in a ring-like form and said blower being mounted in a manner that a central axis of said blade wheel approximately conforms to a central axis of said front opening portion, in which wherein said blower, while being operated, captures air from a direction of said central axis of said blade wheel, provides the captured air with turn-around flows, and forcedly feeds, by using generated centrifugal force, air that turns around, from clearances among said blades toward a direction of a portion surrounding said blade wheel.

4. (Original) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein, between said front opening portion and said blower is placed a panel-shaped dust collecting filter which is operated in a form of a panel being folded up in a corrugated form.

5. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein a ring-shaped dust collecting filter is placed between said blower and each of said peripheral opening portions making up said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions and on a side of said portions surrounding [[said]] a blade wheel of the blower in such a manner that a central axis of said dust collecting filter conforms to said central axis of said blade wheel.

6. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 2, wherein a ring-shaped deodorizing filter is placed between said blower and each of said peripheral

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opening portions making up said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions and on said side of said portions surrounding [[said]] a blade wheel of the blower in such a manner that a central axis of said deodorizing filter conforms to said central axis of said blade wheel.

7. (Original) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein the air fed forcedly from said blower is emitted toward an obliquely-forward direction of the air cleaner from said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions in a manner that said air is separated right and left.

8. (Original) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 7, wherein each of said peripheral opening portions making up said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions is placed at a corner between a front and a side of the air cleaner.

9. (Original) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 7, wherein each of said peripheral opening portions is formed so as to be approximately longitudinally long along a fringe of a front of the air cleaner.

10. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein said pair of right and left peripheral opening portions is arranged 25 cm or more and within 40 cm are displaced apart from each other in a horizontal direction a distance in a range of about 25 cm to about 40 cm.

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11. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein each of said peripheral opening portions has a plurality of ~~partitioning plates or~~ blade plates which give a directional property to the air being emitted.

12. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 11, wherein ~~said partitioning walls or~~ said blade plates are attached so as to be rotatable so that a direction of the air being emitted is changed.

13. (Currently Amended) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 12, wherein an air-flow direction control circuit is mounted which is used to electrically control rotation of ~~said partitioning plates or~~ said [[wheel]] blade plates.

14. (Original) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein an electrically-controlled dust collecting unit is mounted which is used to electrostatically collect dust by corona charging fine particles floating in the air.

15. (New) The tabletop-type air cleaner according to Claim 1, wherein said dust collecting filter comprises at least one of a porous material and a fibrous material.